areas where there is a chronic shortage of fuelwood and kerosene and also to provide a subsidy to the weaker sections of the society : and

(c) whether it is also a fact that twenty technical back-up units were set up for research and development in chulhas technology and to provide training to self-employed workers, potters and village artisans and if so, how many of these units are located in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. One of the main objectives of National Programme of Improved Chulhas is Fuelwood Conservation.

(b) Target for 30 lakhs chulhas has been proposed for the year 1994-95. The Programme is open to all categories of beneficiaries in rural as well as urban areas. However priority is given to those areas experiencing serious deforestation and fuel scarcity. Financial assistance is being provided to all categories of beneficiaries under this programme.

(c) At present 17 Technical Back-up Units are in operation under the National Programme on Improved Chulhas. Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Bangalore is the Technical Back-up Unit for the State of Karnataka.

International Terminal at Calcutta airport

*120. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the cause of delay in completing the new international terminal at Calcutta Airport and by when it is likely to be commissioned ; and

(b) whether any further agreements have been entered into for more international flights through Calcutta, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The new terminal complex at Calcutta airport is scheduled to be completed in June, 1994. The delay has been mainly due to revision of scope of work, removal and relocation of existing structures and interference of local anti-social elements.

(b) As a matter of policy, Government have been offering Calcutta as a point of call for foreign airlines on liberal terms during bilateral air services talks with foreign countries. In the recent past EL-AL (Israeli Airline), KLM (Royal Netherlands Airline), Tarom (Romanian Airline), Balkan Airline (Bulgarian Airline), British Airways and Kazakh Airways (Kazakhstan Airline) have been given rights to operate to Calcutta.

Agreement with IAEA on TAPS

858. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into a new bilateral safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency so that the nuclear power plant at Tarapur may continue to function even after the expiry of trilateral agreement including USA ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether this agreement will ensure uninterrupted Atomic Fuel supply to the plant ; and

(d) if not, what alternatives Government are contemplating to run the power plant without interruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) The 1963 bilateral co-operation agreement between India and the USA for setting up Tarapur Atomic Power